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NEBRASKA MAY 1 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST AND HAY STOCKS

LINCOLN, Neb., May 10, 2002 -- Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2002 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 57.6 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year's crop, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 36 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year's yield and 1.9 bushels below the ten year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.6 million acres, unchanged from last year. This would be 94 percent of the planted acres, up from last year's 91 percent and the ten-year average of 92 percent. As of April 28, topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies were rated mostly short to very short in the major wheat growing areas. Disease and insect pressure to date has been light.

May 1 **hay stocks**, at 1.28 million tons, are up 780,000 tons from last year's abnormally low level of 500,000 tons, but 15 percent below hay stocks of two years ago.

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See accompanying supplement for wheat district estimates.

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Winter Wheat: Acreage, Yield and Production by Nebraska Agricultural Districts and United States, 2001-2002¹

District	Acres Planted ²		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Northwest	750.0	750.0	677.8	695.0	32.2	33.5	21,815.2	23,306.0
North	13.0	14.0	9.1	11.5	39.8	34.0	362.20	391.0
Northeast	2.0	2.0	1.2	1.5	40.4	33.0	48.5	50.0
Central	23.0	21.0	17.5	17.0	42.0	37.0	734.8	629.0
East	22.0	23.0	18.3	21.0	42.3	38.0	775.0	798.0
Southwest	575.0	530.0	539.8	508.0	39.2	37.0	21,141.7	18,796.0
South	200.0	200.0	184.8	194.0	44.5	35.0	8,232.6	6,790.0
Southeast	165.0	160.0	151.5	152.0	40.2	45.0	6,090.0	6,840.0
Nebraska	1,750.0	1,700.0	1,600.0	1,600.0	37.0	36.0	59,200.0	57,600.0
United States	41,078.0	41,076.0	31,295.0	30,174.0	43.5	43.1	1,361,479	1,300,726.0

¹ Preliminary estimates 2001 and forecast as of May 1, 2002.

² Planted acres are for all purposes.